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SUBJ: HOUSE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE CODEL

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1. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS CODEL VISIT TO CANBERRA INCLUDE TRIP TO SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT AS SUGGESTED REFTEL C, A MEETING WITH MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS, AND POSSIBLE VISITS TO NATIONAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENTS OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION, HOUSING, URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, OR WORKS. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND VISIT TO PORT MORESBY.

2. FULL DAY SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR SNOWY MOUNTAINS TRIP WHICH CAN BE ARRANGED TO INCLUDE SIGHTSEEING AND SIDE TRIPS FOR WIVES IF DESIRED. PARLIAMENT LIKELY STILL TO BE IN SESSION AND WE BELIEVE MEETING WITH CODEL'S AUSTRALIAN COUNTERPART WOULD BE OF MUTUAL INTEREST, ALTHOUGH WE WILL WISH TO INVESTIGATE ACTUAL SUBSTANCE OF COMMITTEE'S CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE MAKING FINAL ARRANGEMENTS. AS CANBERRA A COMPLETELY PLANNED CITY (BY AMERICAN ARCHITECT) WE BELIEVE EXTENDED VISIT TO NATIONAL CAPITAL  
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DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION WOULD BE OF SPECIAL RELEVANCE TO

CODEL'S INTERESTS. (VISITS TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS COULD BE ARRANGED AS CODEL WISHES AND TIME PERMITS).

3. FOREGOING COMPRISES INFORMATIVE BUT MODERATELY PACED STAY IN CANBERRA, ALLOWING SUFFICIENT TIME FOR GOLFING AND SOCIAL EVENTS IN ACCORDANCE CODEL'S WISHES AS PLANS BECOME FIRM.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS AGAINST VISIT TO PORT MORESBY. BASED ON INFO PROVIDED REFTEL C ON CODEL INTERESTS, SUCH A VISIT WOULD SEEN TO BE OF VERY LIMITED USEFULNESS, WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION SUBJECT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IN ADDITION THERE IS NO USG REPRESENTATIVE RESIDENT MORESBY TO PROVIDE NECESSARY SUPPORT CODEL THIS SIZE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES LIKELY TO BE PREOCCUPIED WITH IMPENDING ASSUMPTION RESPONSIBILITIES OF SELF-GOVERNMENT.  
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